for undertaking the activities from local authorities etc. At the end of the year 1998-99, there were 1695 applications pending which have already been disposed of by the banks. During 1999-2000 (As of December 1999) there were 1576 applications pending with various banks. Disposal of applications is however, a continuous process and the applications pending at the end of particular year are considered in next financial year.

**Custom duty exemption for equipments of power projects in Andhra Pradesh**

5391. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Andhra Pradesh Government has requested to consider total custom duty exemption for power equipment of all categories of power projects; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI V. DHANANJAYA KUMAR): (a) No, Sir, The Government are not aware of any recent proposal of this nature.

(b) In view of (a) above, does not arise.

**Finalisation of report on infrastructure by NCAER**

5392. SHRI V.P. DURAISAMY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER) has finalized its report regarding infrastructure and related issues; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) The NCAER is currently not preparing any report on infrastructure.

(b) Does not arise.